

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 14, 21, 34, 44-46 and 52 have been amended. Claims 7, 13, 16-19, 33, 48 and 53 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14, 15, 20-32, 34-47, 49-52 and 54-56 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 19 was objected to because of an informality. Claim 19 has been cancelled. Withdrawal of the foregoing objection is requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-7, 10-12, 16-19, 21-27, 46, 47, 49-52 and 54-56 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Huang et al. (US 5,748,904).

Independent claims 1, 10, 21, 46 and 52 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 13, 33, 53 and 48, respectively, and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. Specifically regarding claim 1, the allowable subject matter of claim 33, which is also found in claim 7, of where the graphic is divided into sub-graphics with gradient characteristics and sub-graphics without gradient characteristics, has been added to claim 1. Claims 7 and 16-19 have been cancelled. Claims 2-6, 8, 11, 12, 22-27, 47, 49-51 and 54-56 depend on one of claims 1, 10, 21, 46 and 52, respectively, and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claim 20 has been allowed and claims 8, 9, 13-15, 28-45, 48 and 53 have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 13, 33, 48 and 53 have been cancelled. Claims 44 and 45 have been rewritten in independent form. It is respectfully submitted that claims 8, 9, 14, 15, 28-32 and 34-43 are allowable in their present form.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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